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WASHINGTON, May 25, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 20 totaled 348,659, up 1.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 1.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East, but down 0.1 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 10,715 cars (9.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 3,845 cars (19.9 percent). Grain loadings were down 3,503 cars (11.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 20 weeks of 1989 totaled 6,735,799, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,434 trailers and/or containers for the week ended May 20, down 0.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of 1989 was 2,245,982 trailers and/or containers, up 1.6 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended May 20 totaled 19.8 billion, 2.6 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 388.1 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,505	31,008	-11.3 %	25,107	9.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,596	2,138	-25.4	1,519	5.1
Metallic Ores	23,177	19,332	19.9	21,282	8.9
Coal	126,737	116,022	9.2	127,200	-.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,405	17,490	-6.2	17,054	-3.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,029	11,395	-3.2	10,521	4.8
Grain Mill Products	10,046	10,703	-6.1	10,104	-.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,817	8,843	-.3	8,868	-.6
Primary Forest Products	9,475	10,099	-6.2	9,059	4.6
Lumber & Wood Products	6,871	7,795	-11.9	6,603	4.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,382	10,862	-4.4	10,152	2.3
Chemicals	27,244	26,080	4.5	28,273	-3.6
Petroleum Products	5,137	4,989	3.0	4,925	4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,625	11,235	-5.4	10,657	-.3
Coke	5,485	5,415	1.3	5,577	-1.6
Metals & Products	10,393	10,000	3.9	9,702	7.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,091	22,116	-4.6	21,192	-.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,403	9,835	-4.4	9,525	-1.3
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	5	10	-50.0	4	25.0
All Other Carloads	7,236	6,868	5.4	7,250	-.2
Total	**348,659**	**342,235**	**1.9 %**	**344,574**	**1.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 20 WEEKS ENDING MAY 20, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**348,659**	**342,235**	**1.9 %**	**6,735,799**	**6,697,352**	**.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	64,975	67,433	-3.6	1,307,991	1,343,139	-2.6
Containers	46,459	44,058	5.4	937,991	867,517	8.1
Total	**111,434**	**111,491**	**-.1**	**2,245,982**	**2,210,656**	**1.6**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.8**	**19.3**	**2.6 %**	**388.1**	**383.4**	**1.2 %**

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